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## CITY INVITES REVIEW OF POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS TO FRANKLIN BOULEVARD IN GLENWOOD

Over the past eight months, the City of Springfield and the Franklin Boulevard Stakeholder Advisory Committee – a group of community stakeholders, business and property owners and Glenwood residents – have been working to develop ideas for improvements to Franklin Boulevard and the McVay Highway that support an enlivened Glenwood community.

The project team will present concepts for improvements to Franklin Boulevard/McVay Highway from I-5 to Nugget Way and for the intersection of Franklin Boulevard and McVay Highway near the Springfield bridges. The draft concept for Franklin Boulevard includes two through travel lanes in each direction, sidewalks, bike facilities, and a median to accommodate buses from Glenwood Boulevard to the Springfield Bridges. The draft concept for the McVay Highway includes two travel lanes in each direction, a planted median or turn lanes, sidewalks and bike lanes.

In some areas between Henderson and Brooklyn avenues, a multiway boulevard is proposed. A multiway boulevard is a street design that places low-speed access lanes adjacent to the main thoroughfare. The purpose of the access lanes is to create a pedestrian-friendly zone where shops, restaurants and housing can be located. Multiway treatments are becoming popular in communities nationwide because they can provide a more favorable environment for redevelopment that fronts a busy arterial street.

The City invites community members to provide input on the draft concept from **5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5 at Roaring Rapids Pizza, 4006 Franklin Boulevard**. There will not be a formal presentation at the open house and community members are invited to drop-in at their convenience.

The Springfield City Council is expected to review a recommendation from the Stakeholder Advisory Committee for improvements to Franklin Boulevard and the McVay Highway in March 2008. More information about the project is available at [www.gospringfielddoregon.info](http://www.gospringfielddoregon.info).

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